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Governor proposes increase to Iowa's gas tax

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After his reelection to an unprecedented sixth-term earlier this month, Gov. Terry Branstad is eyeing an increase to the state gasoline tax in the coming year.

Iowa Senate Democrats supported the measure in last year's legislative session, but Republican opposition kept it from passing.

This year, Branstad's possible support of an increase will bring a bipartisan solution.

During a press conference Nov. 6, Branstad told reporters from The Des Moines Register that 2015 may be "the right time" to look at an increase. Branstad said the price of gasoline has gone down recently, making the upcoming legislative session a better time to look at a tax increase.

"Nobody wants to pay more at the pump. People who have to commute or take their kids to school, nobody wants to pay more," said Sen. Herman Quirmbach, D-Ames. "The question at this point is, 'What is the alternative?'"

According to TripNet, a national transportation research group, 42 percent of Iowa's major roads or highways are in "poor or mediocre" condition.

They also found that 27 percent of Iowa's bridges are "in need of repair," 22 percent of the state's bridges are "structurally deficient" and 5 percent of bridges in Iowa are "functionally obsolete."

Iowa has the third-highest share of structurally deficient bridges in the nation. Only Pennsylvania and Oklahoma rank higher.

"We have some percentage of bridges that are 'structurally deficient,' but I don't think there is anything in imminent danger of collapse. But then again, what did we know about that bridge up in Minneapolis?" Quirmbach said, referring to the Interstate 35 bridge collapse that killed 13 and injured 145 in May 2006.

Quirmbach said legislators have been told the past few years that the Department of Transportation has been underfunded by a few hundred million dollars and cannot continue to maintain Iowa's roads and bridges with the current funding level.

Iowa's current gasoline tax is between \$0.19 and \$0.22 per gallon, depending on what type of fuel is purchased.

Iowa has not seen an increase in the state gasoline tax since 1989.

While the governor stopped short of endorsing any specific plan on the gasoline tax, Quirmbach mentioned the idea of continuing a flat tax per gallon, which is currently in place, but also instituting a percentage tax.

"If the price of gasoline rises over time, and I expect over the next decade it will, the amount of revenue generated [with a percentage tax] will naturally increase in line with the inflation of the gasoline price," Quirmbach said. "That'll keep us from having this kind of deadlock where we are right now or have been the last couple of years."

Quirmbach said that proposal is something to look at but also would not give a specific amount he would support in an increase.

"It's a matter of how to generate the revenue that we need to maintain our highways, keep them safe, fill the potholes and make sure we have adequate capacity to keep down traffic congestion," Quirmbach said. "We'll have to look at the revenue needs and target any increase to meeting those basic needs."

Jonathon Laudner, president of the ISU College Republicans, said the legislature should first work to make the Department of Transportation more efficient so they can save money. Laudner also recommended taxing agricultural use of roads, which may



The Virtual Reality Applications Center in Howe Hall allows developers to create simulations to help train firefighters, soldiers and now astronauts. Nir Keren, left, and Tor Finseth have helped create a virtual reality simulation of the International Space Station.

Simulations of space

ISU team uses virtual reality to help train future astronauts

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"Beam me up, Scotty." The popular science fiction catchphrase from the ever-popular Star Trek is becoming a reality at Iowa State.

Nir Keren, associate professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering, and his team have developed an interactive model of the International Space Station at the Virtual Reality Applications Center on campus.

"The mission of [the center] is to perform research on the rapidly-expanding interactions between humans and technology," said Stephen Gilbert, assistant professor in industrial and manufacturing systems engineering.

Gilbert said that one of the many core strengths of the center is to create real-time simulations of complex phenomena.

With the push of a button, the white, 10-foot virtual reality cube turns into the space station. Once inside, researchers can glide through the interior of the station.

"One of the most important challenges in virtual reality ... is to create a sense of presence, or a sense of being there," Keren said.

According to gamasutra.com, a technology website, in order for virtual reality to "fool the brain" researchers advise a 4 milliseconds end-to-end latency from the moment you act to the moment the resulting image is displayed.

A blink of the eye takes between 300 and 400 milliseconds on average.

"[The center] is an interdisciplinary hub of expertise in human-computer interaction with significant facilities to support research in [human-computer interaction]," Gilbert said.

Keren is working with colleague Warren Franke, professor of kinesiology, and a research team on developing the virtual space station to be a multi-functional tool that can be used to train astronauts.

The team works closely with Clayton Anderson, retired astronaut and distinguished faculty fellow of aerospace engineering,

to ensure an appropriate representation of the space station and the variety of functions associated with space station operations. The team built the virtual space station using a basic 3-D model that NASA provided.

Keren spent the past eight years developing VirtuTrace, the simulation engine used for the virtual station.

"A few years ago we completed a simulation study with VirtuTrace where we tested firefighters' decision making under stress," Keren said. "The results were a complete surprise to all of us. It is impossible to collect decision-making data, such as the data we collected on scene, while firefighters are engaged in fighting fires."

The team also developed a smoke simulation program for the virtual space station.

"The simulator deploys virtual smoke and other gases according to formulas we developed, and trainees need to follow NASA procedures to identify the source of smoke while visibility declines and alarms are sounded," Keren said. "This is a very stressful situation."

Anderson, with the help of Tor Finseth, graduate student in aerospace engineering, created a weeklong spaceflight operations workshop at Iowa State in August. Among the variety of workshop activities, the teams needed to respond to the smoke situation in the virtual space station.

"I remember one of the teams was asked to report crew health," Keren said.

The response was, "We are okay. I think," which showed the intense stress the simulation had on the trainees.

While Keren's area of expertise is decision making, Franke is observing trainees' physiological responses to determine their levels of stress. He recently discovered physiological markers that may lead to a breakthrough in the way stress is measured in real time.

The research team developed an array of simulations for decision making, ranging from a simple scenario of purchasing

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GSB fails to provide proposal on tuition

By Makayla.Tendall
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The Government of the Student Body's special senate meeting on Monday night to bring a recommendation to the Board of Regents on a possible tuition freeze was met with gridlock and tabled indefinitely, meaning the bill does not have a scheduled time for a returning discussion.

After GSB voted to approve a resolution to bring a recommendation to the Board of Regents, they reopened debate for another 45 minutes because they felt they had not had an informed debate.

Sen. Khayree Fitten moved to reopen the debate on the bill as a whole after the resolution passed because he said the lack of informed debate from senators was "embarrassing," calling it "the most poorly written resolution I've seen in my time at GSB."

The resolution that would appear on the BOR docket for the December meeting, when they would talk about another tuition freeze, would not represent students because of the lack of debate and representation, he said.

"Please, I am begging you to ask me questions. I am begging you to talk to your constituents," GSB President Hillary Kletscher said after agreeing with Fitten.

During the added 45 minutes, senators debated the merits of adding the extra time and whether they had done enough research and work on the topic initially.

Halfway through the resolution, vice-speaker Dan Breitbarth moved to "cut [their] losses" after three senators left, leaving them without full quorum of senators to officially hold a meeting and make decisions.

"The tone of this meeting was horrendous," Breitbarth said.

But, Breitbarth said he was proud of GSB for coming together to debate the issues as a whole.

The initial resolution stated that GSB believes "if tuition for non-residents would increase, it should not exceed [a] 1.2 percent [increase] in order to allow for financial planning" so students could budget for higher tuition.

The resolution also stated that GSB would ask the board to consider long-term planning be implemented instead of planning for tuition increases or freezes on a year-by-year basis so families can plan.

The last point was that performance-based funding, which would fund regent schools based more on the number of in-state students, should be implemented so "state funding follows Iowans and promotes affordability and accessibility."

At the beginning of the special senate meeting, GSB debated amendments to the original resolution.

Sen. Hamad Abbas created an amendment to the original bill to change the recommendations to the original document. The amendment was passed.

The amendment said "a continued freezing of tuition is unsustainable in the near future," because senators said they believe university operating costs will continue to rise. Then, tuition increases will be necessary and will need to be higher than students could possibly afford.

The amendment that was passed before the 45-minute extension also said GSB would support a 1.75 percent tuition increase for resident students and a 1.20 percent tuition increase for nonresident students.

Senators also took issue with the performance-based funding clause.

The regents' plan to fund the regent universities more based on how many in-state students they have would do nothing but drive a plan to recruit the most in-state students, Sen. Zachary Bauer said. This would increase over-enrollment issues that already exist, he said.

Kletscher said the regents' reasoning for performance-based funding was that the state gets a lot of funding for education through Iowa taxpayers. When their children enter in-state public universities, they receive the same

Weather



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Sunny and windy.

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WEDNESDAY
Sunny and windy.

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THURSDAY
Sunny but getting extremely cold at night.

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Weather provided by ISU Meteorology Club.

Police Blotter

The information in the log comes from the ISU and City of Ames police departments' records.

All those accused of violating the law are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Nov. 11

An officer investigated a property damage collision at Pamela Drive and Winlock Road (reported at 7:55 a.m.).

An officer investigated a property damage collision at Bruner Drive and Stange Road (reported at 12:33 p.m.).

An officer investigated a property damage collision at Lot 61D (reported at 12:42 p.m.).

An officer investigated a property damage collision at Lot 61G (reported at 3:38 p.m.).

An officer assisted an individual who was experiencing emotional difficulties at Friley Hall (reported at 7:35 p.m.).

An officer observed a motorist commit several driving violations. The incident remains under investigation and charges are pending at 2500 block of Osborn Drive (reported at 10:14 p.m.).

Nov. 12

An officer investigated a property damage collision at CyRide Drive and University Boulevard (reported at 2:07 p.m.).

An officer initiated a drug related investigation at Armory (reported at 3:14 p.m.).

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Courtesy of Nancy Keller

Friley Hall expects food court renovations

Pictured above is an artist's rendition of the Friley Windows Dining Facility renovation. The project has a budget of \$6.2 million and is expected to be completed by July 30, 2016. It will renovate existing space within Friley Hall by converting unused space into a new food court concept and that will hold 300 people.



Kelby Wingert/Iowa State Daily

Students cheer during men's basketball win

Fans packed Hilton Coliseum in support of ISU men's basketball team as Iowa State played Georgia State on Monday. The Cyclones defeated the Panthers 81-58. Dustin Hogue helped lead the team, shooting 6-for-9. He had 15 points and seven rebounds.

Professor to appeal ruling by administrative law judge

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ISU professor Moulay Tidiriri said he will appeal a recommendation that he be fired, The Des Moines Register reported.

Judge Carol Greta, administrative law judge, recommended Tidiriri be fired for consistently not meeting expectations and performing poorly.

Greta found Tidiriri, a tenured associate math professor, showed "persistent and manifest ne-

glect of faculty duties as presented in the faculty member's position responsibility statement," according to the judge's findings.

In early August 2013, Beate Schmittmann, dean for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, filed a formal complaint to Jonathan Wickert, senior vice president and provost, against Tidiriri that outlined a "pattern of alleged unacceptable performance in teaching, research and service."

Schmittmann said Tidiriri had been under-

performing since 2008.

On Jan. 8, the Faculty Review Board, which is made up of tenured professors, found that Tidiriri's "performance of duties in all three categories — teaching, research and service — had been unacceptable," according to the court document.

Tidiriri has 20 days to appeal the decision President Steven Leath. According to the Register, Tidiriri claims the university's case against him was malicious and unwarranted.

Online Content

PHOTOS

ISU defeats Georgia State

The ISU men's basketball team took on Georgia State Monday night as part of the CBE Hall of Fame Classic. Next stop for the team will be Kansas City, Mo. to take on Alabama next Monday. For a photo gallery of the game, check out the multimedia section of the Daily's website.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Des Moines to host NCAA tournament

The first and second rounds of the 2016 NCAA men's basketball tournament will be in Des Moines. Games will be played in Wells Fargo Arena. For more information, go online to the sports section of the Daily's website.

MORE INFO

How lack of sleep affects your body

In her piece, columnist Woods argues that, although difficult, students need to make the time for plenty of sleep. To find just how much a lack of sleep can affect your body, check out the opinion section of the Daily's app

MORE INFO

How to find an internship

Deadlines for internship applications are fast approaching but what are potential employers looking for in candidates? Check out the news section of the Daily's app for a quick list of what to get an internship.

SPORTS

ISU athletes earn weekly awards

ISU volleyball players Caitlin Nolan and Alexis Conaway along with ISU women's basketball player Bryanna Fernstrom all won Big 12 weekly awards for their performances this weekend. For more information, go online to the sports section of the Daily's website.

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Biologist combats creationism

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For Richard Dawkins, the mystery of science is enjoyable, and the idea of creationism is a staggering illusion.

Dawkins, evolutionary biologist and secularist, shared his views on creationism, evolutionism and moral decisions with a nearly full Stephens Auditorium on Monday.

Almost every seat in the lower level was full of students and community members to hear the internationally-known Dawkins speak about his newest book, "An Appetite for Wonder: The Making of a Scientist," with Clark Wolf, director of the bioethics program, as moderator.

Wolf asked Dawkins about his thoughts on legislation proposed in 2009 allowing the discussion of creationism in Iowa public schools.

"I am a lover of truth," Dawkins said. "The fact that we can explain the illusion of design [in] the earlier pseudo non-explanation ... offends me as an educator because I feel it gets in the way of young people [learning] the elegant beauty of why they exist."

Not all religious people are creationists, Dawkins said, but he wants to fight against naive creationism.

Schools cannot allow

for equal time for all views on how people were created, Dawkins said, and he gave an example with Christianity.

"It takes you all of about 10 minutes to explain creation theory," Dawkins said. "Not even. God did it. That's it. Is that equal time? Why give time to the book of Genesis, just one of hundreds of origin myths of the world. You could just as well study the Nigerian ... or the Hindu origin. Do we have equal time for all of them?"

Dawkins also touched on the topic of criticism and religion in general, saying people are accustomed to criticism of politics, restaurants and plays, but a religious critique strikes a soft spot.

"Challenging is a mark of respect," Dawkins said.

He has had decent conversations with religious leaders, he said, but also said, "I respect you as a person too much to respect your ridiculous beliefs."

Logan Hemphill, freshman in elementary education, said he came to hear Dawkins speak to learn more about the subject and said he agreed with some of what Dawkins had to say.

"I learned a lot," Hemphill said. "I don't consider myself an atheist, but I can see both sides."

Hemphill said he agreed with Dawkins' views on moral codes, in that a person's moral code is not



Sam Greene/Iowa State Daily
Richard Dawkins explains the process of convergent evolution to an audience at Stephens Auditorium on Monday. Though his education is in zoology, he has become an proponent of atheism and founds his world view in what he can observe.

connected to a religion but more connected to which generation that person grows up in the most.

Breanna Kixmiller, freshman in integrated studio arts and performing arts, said she could agree with some of what Dawkins said, including his take on moral code, but didn't fully agree with his take on religion.

"It was kind of hard for me to listen to some of it just because I am religious," she said. "It's not a bad thing.

There was a lot of stuff he was talking about that I could completely agree with but also some of it that I just couldn't take at face value because of some of the things I've been learning since I was born."

Kixmiller also said she didn't agree with Dawkins saying there wasn't room for anything that didn't have research behind it.

"If something doesn't have facts [that means] there's no point believing in

it? I guess that was hard for me to take," she said.

Arko Provo Mukherjee, graduate student in electrical and computer engineering, said he enjoyed the lecture and agreed with much of what Dawkins said.

"I think it's possible to be moral and a nonreligious person," said Mukherjee, who is also the president of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate. "I think it's also possible to be an immoral and religious

person. I don't see a correlation between morality and religion. You can be one and not the other."

Ram Sam, senior in horticulture, said he's glad the university brings in lecture such as this one.

"It's great that the university invites people who like science so they can discuss their views in a liberal environment without interruption," he said. "It's an essential function to the university."

Advisers encourage students to prepare for internships

By Dalton.Bergan
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Internships can be make-or-break opportunities, allowing students to gain real-world experiences before possibly landing careers after college.

In some cases, an internship is the first professional experience a student can get while in college. Although internships can be an important step in gaining the experience needed to build a resume, some students may have trouble finding one.

Employers might not be looking to hire freshmen as interns, but that doesn't mean students can't start preparing early.

"[Students] should be attending their first career fair as a freshman so they can start making connections," said Joely Swenson, program coordinator at Engineering Career Services. "Hopefully they can

use those when they start getting internship experiences."

Taren Crow, director of Career Services for College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said students should be getting more serious about internships during their sophomore years but should be working on their resumes and getting outside experience in clubs and organizations on campus.

"I have known freshmen to get internships, but it's not as common," Crow said. "I've even seen some organizations who require you to be a junior or a senior when you do your internship, but they want you to have one or two previous internships also."

When searching for an internship, Crow said it's important to make sure students are searching for one that works with their interests. Students can start by doing some research about companies they would like

to intern at or by checking out sites with job postings such as CyHire.

"Any employer who's looking for an [ISU] student will probably have their positions posted on CyHire," Crow said. "Also students may want to look to see if there are job boards related to their industries or to a specific geographical area that they're interested in."

In addition to looking for internships online, students can also take the opportunity to network in person. Talking with people could lead to opportunities students might have not considered otherwise.

"A lot of students really rely on job boards and things like that, and that's not always the most efficient way to go about it," Crow said. "Most students have much bigger networks than they imagine they have ... they can open up a lot of other opportunities that you might not find on job boards."

Swenson also said building a strong network can help when it comes to finding possible internships.

"Students need to start networking right away and not wait until they're actively looking," Swenson said. "If they wait until they're actively looking, it's usually too late."

Swenson said career fairs are great places to start networking, and that all students should be attending them and making connections.

Eric Swanberg, sophomore in software engineering, said the connections he made by attending the career fair landed him the internship at Maverick,

a software management company, that he will be starting next semester.

"I walked up to a random booth at the career fair because they looked interesting and the work that they did for my major," Swanberg said. "I think the stuff I've been learning in classes is an obvious direct benefit, but I know [my internship is] going to be teaching me a lot, too."

Outside of classroom experience, students can build their resumes by getting involved with on-campus organizations or by taking part in any other events or extra-curriculars that could add to their skill sets.

"[Students] need to

get some leadership skills through clubs and organizations, even if it's not directly related to their major," Swenson said. "Employers are looking for good leadership skills and communication skills, so they need to work on those types of things."

Career services can also help students in the process of applying for internships. Students can do anything from improving a resume to practicing a mock interview.

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Come on down to The Price is Right LIVE

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Price is Right Live spins its big wheel in Ames at 7:30 p.m. today at Stephens Auditorium.

Known for giving everyone a chance to “come on down” to win fabulous prizes on stage, FremantleMedia’s live show of “The Price is Right” has been bringing prizes and games from the television show to audiences around the country for 10 years.

Jeff Palmer, vice president of FremantleMedia and former executive producer of Price is Right Live, grew up in Los Angeles, Calif. wanting to be a TV cameraman.

Palmer works on Price is Right Live and numerous other shows at the international media production company.

“When Fremantle started to talk about doing ‘The Price is Right’ as a live show, I was luckily asked to be a part of it,” Palmer said. “I was lucky because there weren’t a lot of live shows traveling [and] we sort of started the genre.”

Even though contestants have to be 18 or older to play, a multi-generational audience characterizes the show.

“Everyone comes out — generations come,” Palmer said. “It’s funny. I see grandparents, parents and kids. They all know ‘The Price is Right,’ so they come together. It’s kind of cool.”

Palmer said FremantleMedia produces the TV and live versions of “The Price is Right,” in addition to other shows like “Family

Feud,” “Let’s Make A Deal,” “America’s Got Talent” and “American Idol.”

“It’s a big operation. The set is a copy of the TV show, and [we] play all the same classic games,” Palmer said. “It’s so hard for people to get to Los Angeles to get to Hollywood, and it’s hard to get tickets [so] the whole idea here is to [come] to America instead of America coming to us.”

Price is Right Live features Emmy-winning television host Todd Newton, whereas “The Price is Right’s” television show host is Drew Carey.

Newton is known for his work on E! Entertainment Television where, for over a decade, he brought television viewers face-to-face with Hollywood’s biggest stars and red carpet events.

Palmer said one of the biggest differences between The Price is Right Live and the television show is that more people have the chance to win prizes on the live show, since each game rotates a new selection of contestants versus having a handful of people chosen on the TV show.

On the TV show, four people are chosen as contestants and start guessing how much a prize costs.

When someone is called on stage, one person replaces that contestant. On the live show, Palmer said this is not the case.

“Every time we do it [on the live show] we call four new people down, [so] no matter what happens during the show you could be the one who’s doing things coming up [next],” Palmer said.



Host Todd Newton stands with a winning contestant at The Price is Right Live, a stage version of the popular TV show “The Price is Right.” The show is coming to Ames at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Stephens Auditorium. When the traveling show stops in Ames, more than 50 people will have the chance to play.

Over 50 people will have their names called during The Price is Right Live.

Palmer said prizes are picked based on what people would want to have or things people would not buy for themselves.

Smiling female models help display prizes to contestants and the audience. Seeing the winners win is infectious, and Palmer enjoys seeing everyone get excited to come on stage.

“It’s pretty funny what people do and say when they get down there. It’s harder than it looks on TV to play the game,” Palmer said.

“It seems easier to come up with things or decide, then you get up there and people forget how much anything costs or they forget how many years they’ve been married.”

Patti Cotter, development and sponsorship manager at the Iowa State Center, said something exciting for the audience is the amount of interaction they get during the show.

“Even if they’re not selected as contestants, [the audience] is often cheering or coaching and telling the person what to bid, and there is a lot of high energy

audience interaction,” Cotter said. “Even if you don’t know the contestant, [you] sort of root for them [and] want them to win.”

Contestants are selected randomly. Ticket holders and non-ticket holders have an equal chance to become a contestant.

While ticket purchase will not increase the chances of being selected to play, tickets are required to watch the show. If you want to be a contestant, you must register beforehand.

To register to be a contestant on the show, Cotter said the selection process

for contestants will occur at 4:30 p.m., three hours prior to the show, at the registration area near the box office at Stephens Auditorium.

Registration is open to legal residents of the United States and Canada, excluding residents of New York, Florida, Rhode Island and Quebec.

Tickets for The Price is Right Live are available through Ticketmaster and are also available for purchase at the Stephens Auditorium ticket office from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tickets range between \$30 and \$49.

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Columnist Woods urges students to make sure they get enough sleep to keep themselves healthy. Working long, late-night shifts are detrimental to the brain.

Sleep boosts brain, self

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Being a college student is tough. There are a lot of expectations and responsibilities, and you have hardly any time to accomplish all of the things you want. If you try to do all of the things you want within the confines of a 24-hour period, you risk becoming a robot or even worse a zombie.

A hefty price tag comes along with being a college student. Paying for this higher educational experience is no walk in the park. It becomes an expensive journey that has you emptying your pockets to pay for student costs, collecting an exorbitant amount of money that drags you further and further into the sinkhole of student debt.

To try and buffer the damage of financial destruction, students work during college. Making that extra money can help with rent, food and supplies. It may eventually make a small dent into the loans that will take effect shortly after graduation.

Working through college is just as hard, if not harder, than being a college student alone. The hardest thing about

working through college is the limited number of hours in day. With school, studying, homework, extracurricular activities and work, there is little time for sleep.

That is a very dangerous concept. Getting less than a healthy dose of rest can be detrimental. Some of the issues that can be caused according to WebMD are heart problems, sexual slumps, depression, aging, weight gain and, most of all, cognitive issues.

The brain is negatively affected by losing sleep. This is where becoming a robot or a zombie comes in. You begin to lose control of yourself, and you can no longer attain the highest potential of which you are capable.

Nearly 80 percent of students are working their ways through college, according to a survey done by Citigroup. Students can be found working an average of 20 hours a week. Combine that with school and other activities, you can expect maybe 6 hours of sleep. That is being generous.

According to the Thielen Student Health Center, “College students, like Americans overall, are sleeping less, and if you are like most college students, chances are you are

not getting enough sleep. The college years are notoriously sleep-deprived due to an overload of activities.”

So what’s the point of going to college and spending an outrageous amount of money? The answer is to hopefully to learn something. However, if you don’t budget in sleep, that brain of yours isn’t going to do you the least bit of good.

A new study published in the journal “Occupational & Environmental Medicine” shows that continually working shifts that are longer than eight hours can cause cognitive deficiencies. Imagine working a late night shift at a 24-hour Hy-Vee, or any business open until the early hours of the morning, then being able to sleep for maybe four or five hours before having to get up and get started on the day. Imagine repeating that scenario for four to five years.

Over time, you will start to see the effects of the lack of sleep. Brain function diminishes, which means your brain won’t function like it should. In essence, all of the time and effort you would put into your schooling would be for nothing because your brain isn’t rested enough to handle the load.

There is good news, how-

ever. Just like over time lack of sleep causes issues, the effects can be reversed over time. By resting the brain and allowing it to replenish itself, you will find that your brain will preform.

I have been raised with the mentality that sleep is above all the most important aspect to a healthy lifestyle. Before college, my father would tell me to go to bed even if my homework wasn’t finished because I wouldn’t be able to function as well if I wasn’t fully recharged.

I still stand by that ideal and find I am all the better for it. Currently, I am going to school part-time and working part-time. I have time to spend with friends and family as well play recreational sports. I make sure that I get about seven to eight hours of sleep per night.

By budgeting my time, I am able to do everything I want and get the necessary amount of sleep I need to function at my highest level.

If going to college part-time isn’t for you, there are other options like taking credits at a community college to save money so less time can be spent on the job. The important thing is to put sleep first, and then you will notice a significant difference in everyday performance.

EDITORIAL

Greeks leaders need to start discussion

At Iowa State, everyone with the power to do so does their very best to make every single student, all 34,732 of them, feel like they are being accommodated.

For students with disabilities, the university has accessible ramps, elevators and alternative entrances. Student Services also provides an alternative to test-taking and homework for those who need help when it comes to academics.

There is a full week in the fall semester dedicated to raising awareness for students with disabilities, giving the chance anyone who is willing to experience the lifestyle.

However, the greek community at Iowa State does not fully accommodate students with disabilities and is therefore excluding a minority of students from experiencing one of the greatest parts of the ISU experience.

It does not go without saying that some greek houses do have accessible ways for students with disabilities to enter the building. The greek community has worked toward accommodating some students with disabilities by offering greek organizations to those that don’t actually have a greek house. However, there is still room for improvement so that all greek organizations are physically accessible to students with disabilities.

Any student is able to place a bid to any fraternity or sorority and is able to be accepted without ever entering the building. Some members choose not to live in their house at all during their time at Iowa State. With 60-plus greek organizations on campus, more than 30 of those do not have a greek house.

In the purpose statement on the Office of Greek Affairs website, the following is stated:

“The [ISU] Office of Greek Affairs creates opportunities to become effective citizens in a global society through collaboration and community engagement, the development of self-efficacy and leadership and the advancement of social justice.”

However, when searching “handicapped,” “disabled students,” or “handicap accessible” on the greek affairs website, the only result found is the Lambda Chi Alpha - Alpha Tau Zeta fraternity and its philanthropy on how they help an organization which helps house handicapped children.

Nowhere is there a place for a handicapped student to find accommodations or information on how to join the greek community.

As stated before, it is entirely possible to be involved in the greek community, live by the greek mission statement and be a member of a fraternity or sorority, all without setting a foot into a respective house.

However by not having these fraternities and sororities accessible for students with disabilities members of the governing greek body are hindering the possibility for those students to be a part of the lifestyle that comes from the greek community.

While there are systems in place to accommodate students with disabilities, it is important for the greek community to match the standards that the rest of society, or at least the university, has set and become completely accessible to all students at Iowa State disabilities or not.

If the greek community is truly “committed to developing exceptional citizens who will make a positive impact on the world,” as the Office of Greek Affairs’ mission statement says, then leaders within the greek community should step up and get ahead of the game by leading the discussion of how to become completely accessible to students with disabilities at Iowa State.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Americans commit to not smoking

George Belitsos, CEO Youth & Shelter Services Inc.

Thursday marks the 38th anniversary of the Great American Smokeout. ISU student smokers who want to quit for at least one day can participate in the hope that they will quit forever.

The Smokeout also provides a platform for the roommates, family and friends of tobacco and electronic cigarette users to encourage them to quit.

This is the first year that e-cigarettes are included in the call to quit the addiction to nicotine. The Iowa Legislature did not go far enough to

regulate e-cigarettes last year by eliminating the sale and possession of these devices to those under age 18. In 2015, the Legislature should eliminate the use of e-cigarettes in all public places. Data released in the last six months tells us why we must act quickly.

The number of U.S. youth who used electronic cigarettes but have never smoked a regular cigarette more than tripled in the past three years, from 79,000 in 2011 to over 263,000 in 2013.

In just the first nine months of 2014, poison control centers fielded 3,041 calls involving exposure to e-cigarette devices and liquid nicotine. That is nearly double the num-

ber of calls from all of 2013, 1,542 calls, and up from 460 calls in 2012 and 271 calls in 2011.

Over the summer, NJOY, a leading e-cigarette company, expanded its product line by introducing a vapor-tank-mod and a line of 10 e-liquid flavors, including vanilla bean, pomegranate, blood orange, blackberry, blueberry, peach tea, single malt scotch, butter crunch and double espresso, in addition to classic tobacco and menthol.

NJOY had long insisted that it would avoid using flavorings that would appeal to kids.

The Great American Smokeout is about saving lives.

More people quit smoking on Nov. 20 than any other day of the year. It’s estimated that 75 percent of smokers want to quit at any given time. Toll-free help is available from Iowa’s Quitline at (800) 784-8669. Supportive counselors answer questions about quitting and help callers develop their own quit plans.

Choosing to quit using tobacco and e-cigarettes is a difficult decision, primarily because nicotine is highly addictive. Difficult as it may be, it can be done.

There is a healthier and happier future for nicotine users, and The Great American Smokeout could be just the beginning.

COOL START, HOT FINISH

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“Going into the first half we [were] tight, we [were] scared to make plays a little bit,” said sophomore Monte Morris. “Coach wanted us to pick up the pace a little bit and that was our key in the

Iowa State had 14 of its 23 assists in the second half, moving the ball more effectively and forcing more defensive rotations from Georgia State.

Iowa State will welcome back redshirt junior Abdel Nader and sophomore Matt Thomas from suspensions in its next game against Alabama. Tip is set for 8:30 p.m. Nov. 24 in Kansas City, Mo.



Junior guard Naz Long attempts to shoot a 3-pointer during the game against Georgia State on Monday at Hilton Coliseum. Long was 5-for-12 on the 3-point line and scored 17 points for Iowa State.

Iowa State keys in on defensive improvement

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"Obviously defense

"That's the one thing about basketball, too, is you don't have a lot of time. We'll practice for an hour

"Watching film, I'm right under the rebound, but then I see a guard coming, and I let them take it," Fernstrom said. "[The



Senior guard Nikki Moody dribbles down the center of the court. Iowa State won the game against USC Upstate 98-76 and managed to stay up by more than 20 points for nearly the entire game Sunday.

Though the Cyclones are focusing hard on im-

"It's important to us —

it is. I'm not going to lie," Fennelly said. "These games mean a lot [and] the attention that our sport gets is great. It's important to our fan base. We want to be the best at everything we do, but you certainly have to start with you [wanting] to be the best basketball team in our state."



CYCLONE HOCKEY

Player of the Week #31 Matt Cooper

Despite suffering a pair of road losses to CSCHL rival Illinois this weekend, Cooper did all he could to pick up wins by making 34 saves on 37 shots in Friday's 3-1 loss to the Fighting Illini and stopped 22 of the 24 shots he faced in Saturday's 2-1 loss. In 14 starts this season, Cooper has an impressive .934 save percentage and a stellar 2.05 goals-against average.

Iowa State returns home this weekend to take on the Colorado State Rams, who beat #1 Central Oklahoma this past weekend, this Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena.

www.cyclonehockey.com

Black Friday preparation

By ISD Style staff



Kelby Wingert/Iowa State Daily
Black Friday is one of the busiest shopping days of the year. To survive the day, pack a purse with essentials like water, snacks and tissues.

Purse essentials required for Black Friday shopping sprees

The largest shopping day is coming up, and here are a few tips to prepare individuals for those intense deals. Having a hard time deciding what's appropriate to bring for a shopping voyage?

Here are the ten essentials individuals should consider bringing on their Black Friday adventure.

Shopping list

Coming prepared by bringing a list of must-have items to be purchased. Checking off items on a list is a healthy way for individuals to keep track of spending habits.

Charger

Shopping can last all day, but cell phones cannot. Make sure to pack

an extra battery, portable charger or even a plug-in charger to extend the battery life on a phone.

Water bottle

It's important to keep you body hydrated, especially on a busy day.

Make sure to keep water close. Drink water every 30 minutes to stay energized and continue shopping.

Light snack

On this crazy day, it's hard to find time for food. Pack a snack for your shopping travels. It's an easy way for individuals to keep moving on schedule.

Hand sanitizer

Black Friday means large crowds. Be mindful that multiple people

are out touching various products and the likelihood of getting sick is high.

Pack a small bottle of hand sanitizer to use every so often to keep germs away.

Blotting sheet

Wearing makeup the entire day can build excess oils, dirt and other residue on the face. Prevent fading makeup, aging and future breakouts by packing some blotting sheets to freshen up.

Chapstick

Just as much as bodies need to stay hydrated, lips are in need of hydration too. Be sure to set aside some Chapstick to reapply for a long day full

of moisturized lips.

Perfume or cologne

Shopping on the busiest day of the year can be sweaty, so freshen the body by spritzing on your choice of fragrance. Consider bringing a travel-size bottle of fragrance to easily be kept in a bag.

Bandages

It's never a bad idea to carry a first-aid kit. A small emergency can happen, so treat those shopping scratches by packing a couple of bandages.

Tissues

The temperature outside is starting to drop. Individuals may notice that when entering a warm building, their nose will start running.



Kelby Wingert/Iowa State Daily
Sivani Parsa, sophomore in preparation for human medicine, wears winter leggings, a T-shirt, a light jacket and Nike shoes.

How to fight the cold

Black Friday is one of the busiest shopping days of the year and is all about prepping for the holiday season. One of the best ways to be ready for this midnight rush of deals and steals is to wear the proper attire. Wear things that will ultimately optimize your shopping abilities.

First, it might be a little chilly outside, but it will be hot inside. Wear a light jacket or vest that won't be bulky or a hassle to carry around once inside a store.

Secondly, it is best to wear clothing that is easy to quickly change in and out of when trying something on spur-of-the-moment. Try sporting leggings with bold colors and a cute print with a basic V-neck tee.

This keeps it simple

Third is shoes. This is most important because your feet take most of the abuse during the long hours of speed-shopping. The best way to conquer this battle is to wear a cute pair of tennis shoes like Converse or Nike. However, make sure you've worn them before and that they're broken in because the last thing you want to worry about is blisters when playing tug-of-war for the last cable-knit sweater.

One of the best ways to get through the night is to be comfortable in what you're wearing, but remember there are always ways to incorporate chic touches without having to sacrifice comfort.

Local businesses to sell wares at Des Moines Market Day sale

For the fifth time, Des Moines will be putting on the annual Market Day Black Friday Sale.

The event is a pop-up market shop where independent vendors are able to sell their goods in a communal setting.

The Market Day Black Friday Sale will be at Kirkwood Hotel and Gramercy Tap, 400 Walnut St. in downtown Des Moines.

Doors open at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

The later start time

allows families to celebrate together without rushing off to get in line for Black Friday deals. The event caters to those who prefer a less ram-bunctious shopping experience.

With over 70 local

vendors, the merchandise ranges from handmade to vintage goods.

Shoppers are supporting local business growth because all of the featured merchants are local businesses not corporate chains.



Kelby Wingert/Iowa State Daily
Bags and boots are items which are on many people's Black Friday shopping lists. Check out department stores for good deals at low prices.



How to find stores that offer great deals when holiday shopping

Many have shopped on Black Friday for years, while others may conquer the crowds for the first time.

No matter where an individual falls on the Black Friday spectrum, there are a few stores to add to the list of those having the best bang for your buck.

Depending on the type of apparel that are being sought, there are various stores to keep an

eye on.

Best for basics

As far as basics go on Black Friday, Old Navy has the best. From tees to simple skinny jeans to super soft sweaters, they can all be found for a low price on Black Friday.

Best shoe shop

For good shoe deals on Black Friday, shop JCPenney. This store carries quality brands and has good deals on many pricey pairs on Black Fri-

day.

Best gift with purchase

Victoria's Secret gets the top spot for best gift with purchase. Each year, the store gives a Black Friday tote that is included with each purchase made that surpasses a certain price point, such as \$75. They are always large and quite fashionable.

Best holiday party outfit

The best store to stop at for a well-priced, fashionable holiday party

outfit would definitely be Kohl's. With a variety of brands from Vera Wang to LC by Lauren Conrad, there's something for everyone.

Best bags

The best store to pop by for a well-priced purse or bag of any sort would be Younkers. Younkers has many different styles of bags, including different colors and fabrics from a shiny pleather to soft corduroy.

Employees experience rudeness

Many shoppers associate Black Friday with crowds, great deals and a fun annual shopping experience with family and friends. Contrary to popular belief, Black Friday isn't always full of fun. Many sales associates experience encounters with customers that are unforgettable.

Emina Kovacevic, junior in English, has worked at Target for three years. Kovacevic is a sales team member and assists with restocking, working the register and folding clothing. Among the numerous customers Kovacevic helped during last year's Black Friday, one was more memorable than the rest.

"I was working the guest service counter. On Black Friday we have a strict return policy on electronics. A man came in and wanted to return an iPad that he had purchased earlier in the day. I'm guessing he found a better deal at another store or something. He started getting angry with me and my other

coworkers because we wouldn't allow him to return it then. We called over a manager to further explain the policy. We then brought over a supervisor to discuss this with the man," Kovacevic said. "He was demanding we write down all of our names and the Target Corporation phone number so he could report us to headquarters. Even while we were writing down our names he was yelling at us that he couldn't read it and that we needed to write bigger. It's corporate's policy so complaining to them about us not cooperating is useless. He was just really rude."

As customers on Black Friday, is is always important to remember that our shopping experience is made possible by those working behind the counter.

Black Friday is an enjoyable time for all, and being mindful of others will lead to a positive experience for both the customer and the employees.

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Horoscopes by Linda Black

Today's Birthday (11/18/14)

A long-time personal goal is within reach this year. Dreams can come true... it takes applied focus and discipline. After 12/23, work and income ramp up. Make time for romance and playfulness after 3/20. After 4/4, take a peace break and plan your next moves. Nurture your team for endurance. Persistence and passion provide the golden ticket.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries - 7 (March 21-April 19) Maintain objectivity in a partnership. Your discipline is admirable. Watch out for an ambush. Give up a relationship that's disruptive, or take a time out. Make your family proud.

Taurus - 9 (April 20-May 20) Create a practical solution. Invest for the long term. The outcome may be different than expected. A financial shortage requires a substitution of ingredients.

Gemini - 7 (May 21-June 20) In a conflict between career and your partner, do what you partner says. It could be possible to have it all... look from a different perspective. Slow and easy does it. Re-arrange furniture for better use of space.

Cancer - 7 (June 21-July 22) Don't venture into new territory before doing the homework. Choose your words carefully today and tomorrow. Chances of breakage are high... watch your steps. Don't look back.

Leo - 7 (July 23-Aug. 22) Make a definite decision and assume authority. It's not a good time to gamble. Don't touch your savings. Provide security now, as well as love. Try to find bargains. Your willingness to stand firm helps.

Virgo - 7 (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Work alone, and do what you promised. Supervise the changes that are occurring. Consider a differing opinion. Stand up for what's right. New problems emerge. A better opportunity will come soon.

Libra - 8 (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) It's important to follow the protocol. Sorting and filing can be fun. Check carefully for plan changes. Heed the voice of experience. Something you're learning conflicts with what you knew.

Scorpio - 6 (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Make an important long-distance contact. It's best if you don't force things to fit. Ponder the possibilities. Be respectful. Watch out for hidden expenses. In a moment of confusion, be prudent.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Conditions seem unsettled. Take care not to stumble. Stick to your budget or get a rude awakening. Set long-range goals. Consider career options. Be stingy with resources ... save them for family.

Capricorn - 7 (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Maintain practical routines to succeed at work today. Obey the rules. Don't give up. Your savings are growing, but it may be hard to tell how much you've got. Something doesn't go as planned.

Aquarius - 8 (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Travel and education hold your focus. Revise financial arrangements. Costs are higher than expected ... amend the scope and scale of a project to suit. Consult an expert to navigate tricky terrain.

Pisces - 7 (Feb. 19-March 20) Maintain your strict standards. Anticipate disagreement ... Your reasoning may get challenged. Stick to the basic facts. Work out a deal, and draft the paperwork. Do the numbers and prepare contracts.

Sudoku by the Mephram Group

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16 Coventry bathroom
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20 Casual Friday top
21 FAO Schwarz specialty
22 Turn away
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25 Tiny bit
27 Daisy-plucking words
33 Farm or home ending
34 Troubles
35 "Now ___ me down to sleep..."
37 James of "The Godfather"
38 Count Chocula wear
39 Turn on a pivot
40 Start of many Internet addresses
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42 "I can take ___!"
43 To the point
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51 Word spoken while pointing
53 Short change?
56 Month after avril
57 Not a likely chance, and, literally, a hidden feature of 17-, 27- and 43-Across
61 Pre-holiday time
62 Part of USNA
63 "Keen!"
64 Twin of Bert
65 Picket fence parts
66 Barbershop band?
Down
1 Like outer space
2 Weird-sounding lake
3 Clothing label number
4 Candy in a collectible dispenser
5 With everything accounted for
6 Choosing word
7 Omelet base
8 Cheering syllable
9 Binding words
10 Real ___
11 Delight
12 Crowd cacophony
13 Defeat decisively
18 Prefix with sphere

23 Disappeared
24 Skinny sort
25 Hawaii component
26 Siberian city
27 Box score numbers
28 Moor
29 Luxurious homes company
30 Online finance company
31 Stan's partner
32 Gibe
33 UCLA or USC
36 To this point
38 Some strays
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54 Four-legged Emerald City visitor
55 Halt
58 "Friendly Skies" co.
59 New Deal energy prog.
60 Put in rollers

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have more wear and tear, then giving a tax credit back to those farmers.

"A lot of people are hesitant to ask for a little bit of help from farmers. They are the ones who use them the most, especially rural roads," Laudner said. "One thing I've thought about is [that] we tax the agricultural use of diesel fuel a few cents per gallon and then those farmers are able to get that back as a tax credit at the end of the year."

Branstad said he plans to work with both sides in the upcoming legislative session.

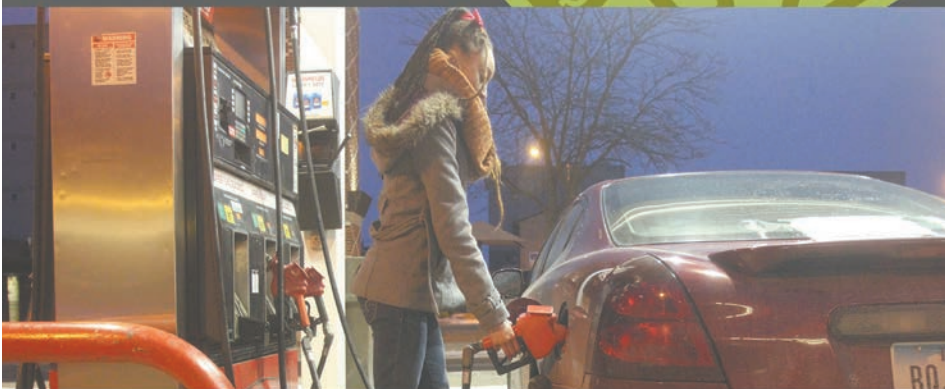
Quirmbach said that if Branstad were to endorse a specific increase in the gasoline tax, he believes that both sides would work together to get something accomplished.


"It's never a politically easy vote to raise any taxes," Quirmbach said. "If the governor were to endorse a gasoline tax increase, you would probably find leadership on both sides of the aisle."

Quirmbach said with leadership from the governor's office, the odds of an increase "would be fairly good."


Laudner agreed, saying Branstad and his lieutenant governor, Kim Reynolds, have worked with the legislature in the past.

Taxes at the pump





22 cents per gallon
Total state taxes and fees



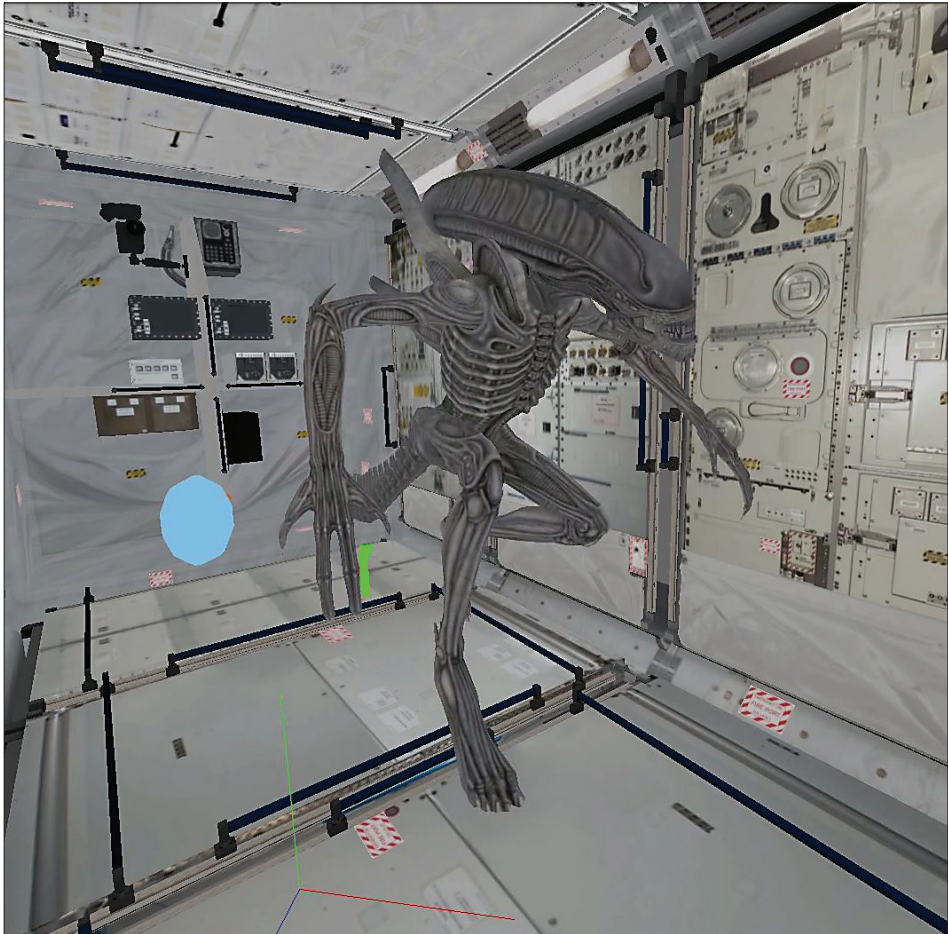
30 cents per gallon
Nationwide average

Gov. Terry Branstad is proposing an increase in the Iowa gas tax, a measure supported by Democrats. State taxes and fees for gas help fund state transportation expenses like road construction and improvements.

"I think they can absolutely work together. They worked together really well last year and did a lot of good things," Laudner said.

"I think there are certain things that are beneficial to the state as a whole that can get done. Gov. Branstad and Lt. Gov. Reynolds are

really good at bringing both sides together."
The 86th session of the Iowa General Assembly will convene Jan. 12.



A team from Iowa State has developed an interactive model of the International Space Station where astronauts can train for various situations that could happen. With virtual reality, anything is possible.

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a car in a virtual car dealership to a complicated simulation where platoon leaders' responses are studied when under heavy fire in a Middle Eastern village.

"What [Franke] and I try to do is to combine the human-computer interaction capabilities of the [virtual reality machine] with a state-of-the-art decision-tracing technology to develop a simulator with [a] high level of realism in order to facilitate environments that evoke natural, real-life behaviors," Keren said.

An innovative feature of the simulator is a motion-based navigation system that allows trainees to "move" in the virtual world without using any hand-held devices. As a consequence, research participants become highly immersed in the scenario.

The research team's ultimate goal is to develop an affordable, field-usable interactive software tool that will improve decision making and behavioral performance under stress.

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benefits brought by Iowa taxpayers.

"Fifteen percent of the model pertains to progress and attainment," said Sen. Evan Abramsky said. "It will bring the model of more students, not the quality of education. It should be

called enrollment-based model."

The clause that recommended performance-based funding was struck down.

Senators then discussed a clause that recommended the board keep tuition increases gradual. Tuition increase is immi-

nent, and Abramsky said just because tuition was frozen for two years doesn't mean the cost of providing a quality education has frozen.

Kletscher said the university is banking on the possible millions of dollars they will save after the regent universities' efficiency

reviews to keep tuition frozen and still afford a quality education.

The resolution is tabled indefinitely and a recommendation on behalf of the ISU student body will not appear on the December docket for the regents packet that goes out to Iowa elected officials.

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